

**RECESSED MEETING
APRIL 17, 2018**

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session in the auditorium at Ashland Middle School, 2800 Kansas Street, Ashland, Kentucky, on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the hour of 10:30 AM. Those present were Commissioners: Amanda Clark, Marty Gute, Matt Perkins, Pat Steen and Mayor Stephen E. Gilmore, who presided. Also present were: Michael S. Graese, City Manager; Richard W. Martin, Interim Corporation Counsel; Susan W. Maddix, City Clerk; Todd Kelley, Chief of Police; Greg Ray, Fire Chief; Troy Patrick and Aaron Helms, Ashland Police Department; Joanna King, Public Information Officer; and Reporters.

Ashland Middle School was named one of the three national grand prize winners in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest from Samsung Electronics America, Inc. According to the Samsung website, the contest is a nationwide competition that challenges 6th through 12th graders to use STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) to address real-world issues and inspire change in their local communities.

Mayor Gilmore opened the meeting stating how proud the City of Ashland is of the Ashland Middle School technology students. Mayor Gilmore presented a key to the City to Ashland Middle School staff Mike Polley, Mark Harmon and John Leistner. Mayor Gilmore then recognized each of the students:

Sean Adams
Eric Billups
Connor Calhoun
Caleb Campbell
Isaac Campbell
Liam Ferguson
Ethan Goodrich
Aubree Hay
Connor Howard
Noah Kelley
Drew Kiser
Judd May
Amelia Lucas
Gracie Madden
Cade Parlato
Lauren Steinbrook
Shaela Taylor
Lucas Trent
Parker Williams

Mayor Gilmore presented the following Proclamation to the school:

**PROCLAMATION BY
STEPHEN E. GILMORE, MAYOR
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**

WHEREAS, Ashland Middle School's Student Technology Leadership Program and Design and Modeling Class were winners of the state level technology competition; and

WHEREAS, these technology students were also one of 10 finalists nationwide; and

WHEREAS, each of these honors carried \$25,000 awards from Samsung for high tech hardware and software for their efforts; and

WHEREAS , Ashland Middle School's technology and modeling/design students were selected as one of three in America for national awards for innovative technology in the amount of \$150,000; and

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WHEREAS, these students were recognized for developing a way to attack the opioid epidemic in communities by developing a solution that would allow discarded needles to be picked up safely and not risk being stuck by a dirty needle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland recognizes the Ashland Middle School for their insight and development of this technology and on winning the national award which has brought great recognition to our school district and the City of Ashland.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Stephen E. Gilmore, Mayor of Ashland, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 17, 2018, as

**“ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS DAY”**

in the City of Ashland, and I encourage our residents and all Ashland students to recognize the monumental positive impact our honored recipients have had on our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of Ashland, Kentucky to be affixed this 17th day of April, 2018.

/s/STEPHEN E. GILMORE, MAYOR

Attest:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX, CITY CLERK

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gilmore declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

STEPHEN E. GILMORE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK